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September 15, 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: N.S. Khrushchev: A Political Biography

This documentation of the career of N.S. Khrushchev is the first prepared outside of the Soviet Union which might be called "definitive," since it is the result of exhaustive, relentless research into Soviet documents and sources. A small number have been multi-lithed and bound for distribution, within the Government, to a select group of experts whose interest in the subject is greater than most. The biography is classified in order to protect the source and the association of the author to the source.

Mr. Pistrak has been on the staff of USIA since 1951. He is the author of papers on Malenkov, Vishinsky and Beria of lesser length than the present study, but prepared with the same careful probing into primary sources that characterizes all his work. Mr. Pistrak left the Soviet Union in 1922, received a medical degree in Germany, later served in the French Army and in 1941 came to the United States. He is presently Assistant Librarian for Soviet Affairs.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Oren Stephens".

Oren Stephens
Director
Office of Research and Analysis

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